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Claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-6 are at issue.

Claim 3 has been amended to clarify that the guide members are those shown on the carrier (lower plate 3), which are shown in the drawings. Accordingly, it is believed that the feature referenced in the objection to the drawings have been, in effect, cancelled from the claims and accordingly it is believed that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the §112 rejection stated at page 3, paragraph 4 of the Office Action regarding enablement with respect to the lower plate 3. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite a carrier. Accordingly, it is believed the rejection should be withdrawn.

The claims have been amended to overcome the §112 rejection stated at page 4, paragraph 6 by deleting all means plus function language. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn with respect to the means plus function language, including the objection to the means for moving, and the means for locking. However, the remainder of the rejection is traversed as it is believed to be improper. More specifically, contrary to the assertion in the Office Action, it would be clear to one skilled in the art what elements correspond to the claimed elastic members because the spring 10 is the only possible structure that could correspond to the one or more elastic members recited in the claims. It cannot fairly be argued that one skilled in the art could possibly miss something so obvious. With respect to the objection to the "one or more guide members", as noted

previously, claim 3 has been amended to clarify that it is the guide members on the carrier that are referenced in the claims.

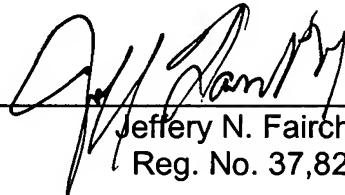
Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection based on De Beukeleer et al 6,868,875. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite a cam surface mounted for forcible engagement with the support plate as the support plate moves in the lengthwise direction, with the cam surface being shaped to shift the support plate in the crosswise direction between first and second positions. This structure is neither shown nor suggested in De Beukeleer et al. Accordingly, in view of the amendment to claim 1, it is believed that the rejection should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections and the rejections of the claims, and allowance of the case.

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